Mt Pleasant 5-12-72

My very dear Friend
W L Garrison

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Time passes away and we are nearing the river which joins this to the celestial land.

Oh how vivid are the memories of by gone toils and triumphs!

Blessed be God & mighty work has been wrought and while we have had some buffetings we had cause of glory & honor and may well chant "Hosannah in Excelsis" The Lord God Omnipotent reigneth. I have had a great longing to see them in this Prairie land

I write at this moment to say our Peace Society (the leading idea of it is a Parliament of the world instead of the law of custom of war) will hold

St Anniversary the 22 & 23d
(next 3rd June) at Salem 10
miles South of this city — If the
Creek be low we should require
water exceeding fine. If that is
not practicable Lend us a line
and let the word come pulsing
from thy warm heart

We Love & Honor and Reverence
Friends in Iowa & courteous low
and gentle Heart that we crop
lines. We go into their pastures
and they into ours. They give
us the kiss Sent and Spread
picture and allow me to utter
all that is in my heart for
God and humanity. So they visit
our meetings and speak freely —

We Love a fertile land and
many noble men & women
here — Send to the Governor
a few words ago asking
him to appoint expenditure

clemency and send a convicted
murderer to the Penitentiary.
He replied courteously and
said "I will suspend the exe
cution until the Legislature
acts on the Subject of Capital
Punishment." That body was
in Session took up the case
and by an overwhelming majo
ty swept the code of blood
from the Statute book.
Respected & beloved at work
for its expurgation —
Our venerable and beloved Mother
now 84 years old is with us &
still green in old age She
remembers Thee & Thy dear Sis
ter and remembers you to Oregon
Last winter we were travelling in
Illinois and Lead of Prudence Phil
lo formerly Prudence Crandall
we went to See her and Lucy
Stone Lightell up the Lake a

repeating visit She is now near
70 years old but all aglow
with Spiritual life.

I am a grand Old Republican
who have taken part in Nine
Conventions Have made a great
blunder.

With the kindest regards
from my dear Ruth to My dear
Ma and Myself I am Cordially
Thy P. Joseph H. Douglass